Shipping Industry

3911. SHRIMATI SUSEELA GOPALAN: *Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:*

(a) the number of ships acquired the Government during the last three year and their total tonnage:

(b) the number of ships acquired by the Indian shipyards during the same period;

(c) the break up of the above yardwise and tonnage-wise; and

(d) the extent of foreign exchange spent during the above period in acquiring ships from foreign shipyards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF *SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) In the Central Government Sector 12 ships having tonnage of 6392 DWT have been acquired* during the last three years for Andaman & Nicobar Administration and Lakshadweep Administration.

(b) Out of the 12 ships, 9 ships were built at Indian Shipyards during the last three years.

(c) The break up of the 9 ships built at Indian Shipyards are as under:-

Name of the Yard	*Tonnage*
Alack Ashdown	410 DWT
CIWTC Rajabagan Dockyard	50 DWT
Goa Shipyard Limited.	220 DWT
Hooghly Dock Ports & Engineers Limited	30 DWT
Shalimar Works	400 DWT

(d) The Government have utilised loan assistance of 10.4 Million Dutch Guilders as foreign exchange in acquiring ships from foreign shipyards during the above period.

Development of West Costa Canal of Kerala

3912. SHRIMATI SUSEELA GOPALAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the finding of the hydrographic survey of Kollam Thiruvanathapuram stretch of West cost canal of Kerala have been examined by the Government to develop it as national Waterway and a tourist potential;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) funds allocated for this scheme during the Seventh plan, and the amount actually spent during that plan period; and

(d) the details of proposals for this scheme during the Eight Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b). The hydrographic survey and techno-economic feasibility study of Kollam -Thiruvanathapuram stretch of West Coast Canal have revealed that this stretch of the canal poses many problems for the development of the waterway to National Waterway standards. It has, therefore, been decided not to declare this stretch as National Waterway.

(c) No funds were allocated for this scheme scheme during the 7th Plan.

(d) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Visit of foreign delegates

3913. SHRI RATILAL VERMA:
DR. RAMESH CAND TOMAR:
SHRIMATI BHAVNA CHIKHLIA:
SHRI DEVI BUX SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the countries whose trade delegations visited India between July, 1991 to January 15, 1992;

(b) the details of the discussions held with these delegations; and

(c) the outcome of the discussion held with each of the delegations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The delegations from European Economic Community, USA, Czechoslovakia, Romania, China , South Korea, Thailand, Zambia, India between July, 1991 to January 15, 1992.

(b) and (c). Various issues such as bilateral trade and commercial interests, Uruguay Round of Negotiations etc. were discussed during the visit of these delegations. Apart from identification of items of mutual interests, these discussions have helped in arriving at a fuller understanding of concerns of each other.

Green Line bus service in Delhi

3914. SHRI NITISH KUMAR :
DR. ARJUN CHARAN SETHI:
SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ:
SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the DTC has removed a large number of its buses from the routes and introduced greenline service thereon;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether some commuters have challenged this in the Monopolies and Restrictive Trade practices Commission;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (e). One Shri Ashe Khan has challenged before the Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Commission the introduction of Green Line Service from Mandi House to Babar Pur and back, and instead requested for the operation up for hearing on 12/3/92, but hearing was postponed, and in